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## CHATHAM'S LAST G.A.R. VETERAN PASSES AWAY

Albert Snow Veteran of the Civil War passed away the morning of March 20th. Mr. Snow originally rejected by Union medical authorities as not strong enough for action proved that they were wrong by living to the age of 93. Mr. Snow the only remaining Civil War Veteran on the lower Cape leaves the Cape with only one or two G.A.R. Veterans. His passing has been mourned throughout the town.

## SHOW BOAT SCHEDULED

The Junior Class of the Chatham High School will present a Show Boat or a musical show which ever name you like on March 24 & 25 in the C.H.S. auditorium. The admission will be 25¢ for children and 40¢ for adults. The show which will commence at 8 P.M. is for the benefit of the Junior Class. Remembering past performances at the High School we are sure that this will be a great success. All are invited to attend.

## Marine Column

Bernard Stevens (the official started of S. H.Y.C.) has made screens for the clubhouse. The Commadore's wife has gone abroad on a cruise on the S.S. Columbus to the Mediterranean.

There may be a lackey at the S.H.Y.C. clubhouse this coming summer just to answer the telephone and answer questions. He will sleep upstairs and probably make his own breakfast.

By Ellen Fuller

## CHATHAM LOSES ITS LARGEST STRUCTURE

Hanger NR 42, the largest remaining structure at the decommissioned U. S. Naval Air Station is now being rapidly dismantled.

The Navy department by bid awarded a Quincy wrecking firm the contract for demolishing and removing the balance of the structures with the exception of such property as is needed by the Naval Reserve.

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## Petition Circulated Opposing Bird Sanctuary

A petition is being circulated throughout the town against the proposed bird sanctuary plan which the department of agriculture is planning.

Copies of it are in practically all the stores in town. The petition signed by many of Chatham's leading citizens reads as follows: To the Chief of the Department of Agriculture Bureau of Biological Survey. Sir: The undersigned citizens, taxpayers and residents of Chatham,

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Our late severe snow storm was very creditably handled by our new Highway Surveyor.

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## CZECHOSLAKIA

A little while ago Czechoslovakia was divided into three states, Slovakia, Ruthenia, Bohemia.

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### Sportsmen Show Great Success

#### Hundreds Throng To See Exhibits

The Cape Cod Sportsmen held an exhibition on 11, 12, and 13th of March at the Rainbow ballroom near Hyannis. There were exhibits of Cape birds, a dog show, and an exhibit of firearms by Mr. Crocker. The Chatham Mill Billy Band performed. The Scouts had an exhibit of a camp scene. There was an oyster opening contest which was won by Douglas Gould of Chatham. The Scouts also had a log sawing contest. The state exhibited Quails and Pheasants which private persons exhibited monkeys and minks. There was an exhibit of sporting goods by Kenney's Sport Shop. Hundreds thronged to see the many exhibits and take part in the different contests. Observers pronounced it a great success.

#### Hanger

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Hanger N.R. 42 was a huge seaplane hanger with enclosed floor-space totaling 168x224 feet connecting with a large concrete seaplane ramp leading into Pleasant Bay. During the past year this hanger was used during inclement weather for inside military drills involving the use of  
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### FIVE AND TEN WILL COME TO CHATHAM AT LAST

Citizens of Chatham will at last have a Five and Ten to deal at in the near future. The building next to Roy Bearse's which is usually rented by the Armenians has been secured by the Company. A Mr. Webster will be in charge. The store will sell goods up to a dollar. Many Chathamites who have hoped for the day when a Five and Ten would come into the town are highly pleased by the addition.

#### Petition

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We strenuously protest the proposed taking of Monomoy Point in whole or in part for a Bird Sanctuary as proposed by your department believing as we do that much better areas can be found in the locality for breeding, resting, and feeding migratory birds that it would be a great detriment to this town to have Monomoy Point used for this purpose as it attracts many thousands of visitors to Chatham to enjoy this historic point and will also deprive the inhabitants of this community of an annual income of thousands of dollars spent by surfcasters and gunners visiting this area.

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Quite a little credit is due him in the rapid improvement of our roads.

At our late town meeting the towns people showed very good judgement in the appropriation for the year 1939. With so little employment to be found during the winter months we can not compete with cities and towns having year round employment. Gas has been installed on all the principal streets, and many have connected it to their houses, completing the pipe lines of Chatham Gas. Co. has an office in our own O'Neil's Block Main Street. Many are building permanent houses in Chatham, intending to spread the evening of life on Old Quaint Cape Cod.  
A Friend.

#### Sunrise Service

Plans are already progressing for the annual Easter Sunrise Service. An attempt is already being made to secure a loud speaker, so that the area around the parking space at the lighthouse may be able to hear that Chatham Band and the Mid-Cape Chorus Choir.







## THE NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR

The New York World's Fair opens April 30, 1939 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Washington's first inauguration. 62 nations are represented at the World's Fair. Czechoslovakian people in America are trying to decide what to do with the Czech Pavilion at the fair. They do not want Germany to run it. The Czech government has spent \$1,000,000 on their pavilion. The Czechs in this country may have to give their pavilion to the U.S. government so that it will not fall into the hands of the German government.

In the Children's world you will be able to take a miniature trip around the world. There you will be able to ride on an elephant, a camel and other trained animals through a small jungle into India and Egypt. You can also start on a little boat in Holland and go through the Italian lakes. You can start in a tiny auto through a tunnel under Swiss mountains or take a burro and ride up to the crater of an active volcano. And besides all these, there are many other things to amuse children. The special place is the World of Dogs, where there will be continuous performance of trained animals in a large area.

Besides the trick dogs there will be dogs that help people like the Seeing Eye Dogs and St. Bernards.

There will be Movies shown of dogs in their natural surroundings.

The Fair will cover about 1216 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres and is three miles long and  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles wide.

The Trylon and Perisphere are the theme centre and dominant architectural feature of the Fair. The Trylon is 700 feet high and the Perisphere is 200 feet high. You get out of the Perisphere by the Helicline, a 900 foot ramp.

By Alice B. Gilbert

## CZECHOSLAKIA

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Hitler has occupied Prague and practically owns Bohemia, that is it is under his protectorate. The agreement that Hitler should be Bohemia's protector was signed by the Czech President on March 14th. Slovakia is completely controlled by Hitler while Ruthenia is controlled mainly by Hungary. There is a small war in Ruthenia between the people and the Hungarian troops, who are winning. Nothing much has happened yet. Hungarian troops have occupied the Ruthenian capital. The Ruthenian premier fled to Roumania. Hungary has annexed Ruthenia, but there is still fighting. Ruthenia's president weakened when Hungary marched in. Ruthenia will probably be owned by Hungary. Slowly Hitler has gotten control of almost all Czechoslovakia. First Hitler got the Sudetan lands, then Benes resigned, then they got a President and cabinet that favored Germany. They were divided into three states and Hitler has gotten control of two of them. Old Czechoslovakia is lost. Slowly Hitler and Mussolini are getting more control of Europe. If Chamberlain doesn't resist Hitler's demands Europe will become completely Nazi and Fascist. England and France must act.

Germany has seized Czechoslovakia's gold reserves. Two countries are already lost. Another one - Hitler's borders would be on Russia.  
By Frank B. Gilbert

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<p><b>Hanger</b> continued from p. 2. Squad or platoon movements. Hanger #16 adjoining was already in a wrecked condition at the time the bid was awarded. The contractor was awarded the bid Feb. 14 and must clear the premises within 90 days. All that will remain will be considered the headquarters, of Unit five of the U.S.N.C.R. The unit will retain the former guardhouse now fitted out as unit headquarters. Also the magazine building and 40 acres of land much of which is shore property. The U.S.N.R. will have custody of same. <b>S. Freedman.</b></p>	<p><b>READING CLUB HAS MEETING</b> The Chatham Reading Club convened at Mrs. Wheelwrights house for one of its weekly meetings on Wednesday 22, of March. The Club continued to read on So. America which is the subject this winter.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Postmaster Goes To Sea</b> Postmaster Karr has purchased J. Merwyn Allen Knockabout. The boat is to be named the Marjorie. At present he is studying <u>Sailing with great vigor.</u></p> <hr/> <p><b>Sports Column</b> Almost a year has passed since Everett Eldredge rolled up the old time high in Emery's Bowling Gallery of 169. Nobody has yet beaten this record.</p> <hr/> <p><b>SKATING HAS BEEN RESUMED AT THE CHATHAM MANOR AGAIN.</b> Last issue (New Years) we reported that it had been resumed we were right it had been resumed and then stopped now it is resumed again. Our Chatham Manor reporter has resumes all mixed up but we hope you understand about skating; being resumed or in plain words there is skating at the Chatham Manor. Let's hope it will continue throughout the season</p> <hr/> <p>A golf tournament is to be held at Eastward Ho. And different organizations are being contacted about fireworks.</p>	<p><b>FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION PLANNED</b> <b>BIGGEST IN YEARS</b> A Fourth of July celebration is already being planned out of the five hundred dollars appropriation the town set aside for the fourth at Town Meeting. It is hoped that the parade will include part of the National Guard, The American Legion, Boy and Girl Sea Scouts, The Naval Reserve, unit five, The Coast Guard, and floats by different business and fraternal organizations. The town is now contacting different clubs and organizations for the Fourth Celebration. Plans are now being drawn up for sailboat, dory, and fisherman races. It is also hoped that there will be water sports at the head of the Oyster Pond. Field events and the Baseball game are being discussed.</p> <hr/> <p><b>THE MIDDLEBORO DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS WILL PROBABLY BE PRESENT TO PLAY FOR EAGER LISTENERS.</b> <b>THE MIDDLEBORO CORPS IS NATIONAL CHAMPION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION.</b> Continued col.2</p>
<p><b>Telephone</b> New telephones are being installed throughout the town of Chatham. The new phones have an electric battery in the base of them which when lifted flashes a light in the operators room. The phones look very stylish and will go in to action June 1st.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Women's Club Convenes</b> The Women's Club had luncheon at the Hollyhock on Friday. Mrs. Allen of the Federation spoke to the assembled members.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Library Flooded</b> On Thursday the 16th after the storm the Chatham Library was flooded in the basement. The heating system failed and the library was closed.</p>		



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Rumors

There has been a lot of talk about the Barnstable Fair re-turning again. It will surely be welcomed. Varmouth and Dennis have already appropriated money to assist the affairs which according to rumors will be at the end of August.

HERES HOPING WE WILL HAVE ONE.

There is some talk about the changing of the Board of Trade building. It will either be torn down some say or the information Bureau may be moved to another building.

Houseing

This column will be in each issue of the Chatter. No permanent editor has been found yet and for the present the Editor-in-chief will edit it. There's plenty of news in the field of houseing in Chatham. Fritz Wight has designed and built a house opposite his fathers house, near Stage Harbor and the place where Samuel de Champlain landed. Very historic ground for any house. The Tighe's house is nearing completion. Mr Mills has sold his house to a Mr. Gibson who is now tearing it down. Harry Small has purchased a house near Legion Hall on School Street which is now renovating. Near the Tighe house Mr. Hinman is constructing a house.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McNeece have set up house keeping in North Chatham. The house is being restored by Mr. McNeece. Louis Byrne has a house for sale.

Music

The Mononauset Orchestra having members from Provincetown to Harwich gave a performance at the Eastern States Music Education Conference in Boston on March 17. There were several players from Chatham. It was broadcast over the radio and listened to eagerly here on the Cape.

Tree Cut Down

The tree in front of the Library has been cut down within the last few days. During the Hurricane this tree which is about fifty years old we think, lost one of it biggest branches.

Moths

Chatham WPA men have stopped work on the parking space to help the moth warden. A united affect is being made throughout the Cape. Mr. Acme of Chatham will be moth warden for all Cape Cod.

As we go to press Hitler is demanding Memel from Lithuania. And reports say that Britian and France will not go to war to prevent him for taking it.

House Planned

A new small but modern Cape Cod house is to be erected within the next few days on the former garden site on the Freedman premises. It will be 21 x 25 and contain living room and kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom. The living room will be of knotted pine and contain a fireplace. If this type of house is popular, it is expected that at least one more will be built, for either rent or sale.

Items

The Parking space looks swell. We hope it will relieve congestion on Main Street. We have to laugh at the sign in the New York Sandwich Shop "Closed for alterations". The Bakery Shop will reopen again in a week or so and plans call for it to continue during the summer time. One of our subscribers Mrs. Stevens was in town recently. Civil Service comes to Town. We trust the Selectmen to choose our police and sometimes we think that in a town like Chatham it would be better. Miss Mae "Peach" O'Brien is a guest of Miss Alice Gilbert.







## NEUTRALITY ????

Loyalist Spain is now to all intents and purposes defeated. The most important reason why they were is because of the embargo the U.S. has imposed upon them. Franco certainly did not suffer from it. The idea of neutrality was to avoid entangling us in Spain and not to favor either side. By our neutrality, we have favored Franco whether we have done it officially or not. The embargo forced against Loyalist Spain because the Loyalists had to buy arms in U. S. A. and the Rebels did not. The purpose has not been served. The non-intervention was not followed by Italy and Germany. It was however by France and Great Britain. Italy and Germany were certainly not going to sell arms to the Loyalists and the only remaining countries to buy from were Russia and the U. S. Russia was unsuccessful in providing them with any amount of arms and the U. S. was the only place left where they could buy them. The U. S. enforced the embargo and the Loyalists received practically no arms from outside of Spain, while Franco was having troops, ammunition and supplies poured into his army from Germany and Italy.

Spain is now Fascist and we hear that Franco is already putting pressure on South American nations to join him. We also hear that he is foolish enough to start agitating for the Puerto Rican Islands.

Spain is going to be used by Italy and Germany as their stepping stone to South America. Then we will be more entangled than ever before. Our embargo was a great mistake. We certainly did not have to enforce one against the

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Democratic Government trying to suppress a revolt and in the future we should not pave the way for Fascism.

The CHATTER congratulates the Town Officials who were elected in the last election. We are sure that Mr. Kidder will continue his efficient administration as he has in the past. We are also sure that our Road Surveyor, Mr. Nickerson will repeat his previous record of efficiency with all the new road projects throughout the town. We will certainly need Mr. Nickerson's services, which we know he can render.

We read in the NEW YORK TIMES that a letter from Harold Dunbar caused much interest in New York. It gave New York a very interesting impression of Cape Cod. To those that are interested in making Cape Cod known to the general public, a few more letters like that would certainly help Cape Cod.

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE HAS PROPOSED A PLAN TO HAVE A BIRD SANCTUARY (see page 1) IT IS QUITE OBVIOUS THAT THE MAJORITY OF CITIZENS DO NOT APPROVE IT. THEY FEEL THAT MAKE HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS OF SPORTSMEN WHO SHOOT AND FISH ON MONOHAN POINT. WHATEVER THE HUMAN MEASURES MAY BE WE LIVE IN A DEMOCRACY AND WE CERTAINLY SHOULD NOT HAVE A BIRD SANCTUARY WHERE IT WILL BE UNWELCOMED BY THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN PARTICULARLY WHEN MANY PEOPLE WHO OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE JOBS WILL LOSE THEM BECAUSE OF THIS MEASURE







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